

MINUTES

Beaver Meadow Golf Advisory Committee Meeting September 19, 2019

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair), Jim Marshall, Jennifer Kretovic, Bob Norton, Fran Hunt, Mark Coen, Linda Mattlage, Bob Whatmough, Brian LeBrun, Phil Davis, and Bernard “Sid” Chase.

Absent: Dick Holden and Roger Jobin.

The meeting was called to order.

- 1) **Public Input:** There was no public input.
- 2) **Approval of August 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** Chris Mulleavey asked if there was a motion to approve the draft minutes. Jim Marshall motioned, and Bob Norton seconded, to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3) **Course Update:**

Financials:

- Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun reported positive revenue numbers for FY 2020 over FY 2019. He will prepare a report to City Council asking for forgiveness of the FY 2019 shortfall, including a transfer to the City’s General Fund from the Golf Fund.
- Some unexpected expenses are sod for tee boxes and expenses related to the tent project.
- The Golf fund is covering approximately 87% of expenses compared to 33% of recreation expenses.
- Finance will set up an account to track revenue from the event tent.

Grounds:

- Tees and fairways need to be fertilized again – will start week of 9/23.
- Will begin aerating tees again the week of 9/23, starting with #6 and the sodded ones, and then proceeding from worst to best. Will close #6 tee to play and will mow a temporary tee in front of the actual tee.
- Greens aeration results were excellent. Many positive comments on healing. Staff experimented with a new product on several greens, which made a significant difference in the healing process. Will use on all greens next time.
- Greens continue to need some TLC, including repair of poorly replaced cups and repair of weak areas, moving weak turf to edges and moving turf from edge to void left by moving weak turf. Staff will do as time allows. Players need to be more diligent in repairing ball marks.
- Blue Ribbon Fencing has been awarded the fencing job on #9. Work to begin in about three weeks, when material comes in.
- The City has contracted again with NMP Golf for the second phase of the irrigation project. Holes #11, 12, 13, and remainder of 14, need to be done. Work is scheduled to begin week of 9/30.
- USGA Agronomist tentatively scheduled to visit on October 23-24. He will do a tree evaluation and an agronomic evaluation.

- The range dispenser is not working properly with tokens. Will requisition a new token device.

Pro Shop:

- Continuing to get year over year data from the new POS.
 - Dynamic pricing is working.
 - Revenue per round is up, an important matrix in golf.
 - PGA Jr. League is very successful.
 - New fall ladies league is in the works with a very positive response.
- 4) **Old Business:** Fran Hunt expressed concern with missing 150 and 100 yard markers on fairways. Sid will investigate.
 - 5) **New Business:** Mark Coen informed the committee that he brought to City Council the idea of hiring an agronomist to look at the course and its trees in particular. The City spent \$17,000 to sod tees without fixing the underlying problem, excessive trees and shade around trees. Fairways and other turf are impacted as well. Funding was approved at the September 9th City Council meeting.
 - 6) **Adjournment:** Jim Marshall motioned, and Bob Whatmough seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote.
 - 7) **Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 17th, at 8:00 AM, at BMGC Clubhouse.